



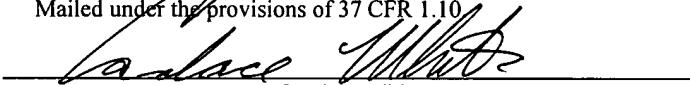
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re United States Patent Application of:)	Docket No.:	4197-103
Applicant:)	Examiner:	Leo B. Tentoni
Application No.:)	Art Unit:	1732
Date Filed:)	Confirm No.:	8225
Title:)	Customer No.	23448
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**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF STATUS FROM SMALL TO LARGE ENTITY FOR U.S.
PATENT APPLICATION NO. 09/787,310**

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Sir:

This Notice of Change of Status is submitted to notify the Patent and Trademark Office that a Large Entity interest has recently been created in the invention and patent rights of the subject U.S. patent application.

The size of the applicant's assignee, Zimmer AG, is a large entity under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.9.

Accordingly, a large entity status obtains for the patent and the issue fee due is enclosed in accordance with the fee required for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,



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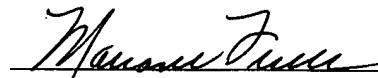
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Sir:

Enclosed is the Issue Fee Transmittal, along with a Credit Card Form to the Commissioner for Patents authorizing the amount of \$1330.00 for the issue fee, in response to the Notice of Allowance dated

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